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1. Extension of runway.

The cultivated strip of land adjacent to the runway of the BRANDIS (N 52/E 31) airfield, east of the MACHERN (N 52/E 41)-POLENZ (N 52/E 41) road, had been rolled and leveled by 5 July 1949. About 15 German women worked there with rakes and spades, supervised by two Soviet officers. A clearing as wide as the runway had been cut in the 7-foot hedge separating the landing field from the MACHERN-POLENZ road. A small farm house to the west of the runway had been demolished and most of the debris removed. This was the only indication for an intended extension of the runway to the west.

2. Aircraft and flying.

a. The following aircraft were counted at the airfield and in the air:

9 fighters, parked in front of the two hangars at the northeastern corner of the field.

5 to 8 fighters parked at the eastern border of the runway

2 fighters in front of the repair hanger

1 biplane.

b. All fighters had the following features: Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, two-seater.

c. The fighters did local flying all day, with visibility range of about three miles and a cloud ceiling of 1,300 feet.

d. A radio truck with a 20-foot antenna rod, was standing near the take-off point. The DF antenna was not being rotated.

e. Quarters were still occupied to capacity by air force soldiers.

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Comment:

a. This is the first information on preparations for an extension of the runway. This is considered possible, since expansion work is also being done at other airfields of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The runway, 5,800 feet long, has heretofore been adequate for all aircraft types in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

b. Information in paragraph 2 confirms the previously assumed occupation of the BRANDIS airfield by fighters.

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